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W. J. DAVIS KILLED BY WEBB HOLT.

**BAD FEELING OF LONG STANDING
RESULTED IN A TRAGEDY
FRIDAY NIGHT.**

On the evening of Friday, November 24, near the store of Mont Bussey, at Busseyville, some six miles west of Louisa, Webb Holt, a well known citizen of this county, shot and almost instantly killed William Davis, an oil well pumper for the Venora Oil company. The weapon used was a shot gun, and the entire load entered the throat of Davis carrying away a portion of his chin. Davis was in the automobile belonging to Robert Shank, a son of T. W. Shank, of this city. Physicians were summoned from this place and Dr. Ira Wellman responded, but his services were not needed. The body was brought to this city the same evening and was taken to the undertaking establishment of Snyder Bros., where, about one o'clock Saturday morning an inquest was held by Police Judge Billie Riffe. The verdict of the jury was that Davis was killed by a shot from a gun fired by another. On Saturday morning the body was embalmed and later was taken to the residence of Frank Pige, on Sunday a brother of the wife of the dead man and two of his brothers-in-law arrived from Salem, West Va. They took charge of the remains and on Monday, on N. & W. No. 3, they and Mrs. Davis and her son, a lad of about 17, left for the home of Mrs. Davis.

The NEWS has been to some trouble to get the details of this tragedy, and it believes the following is reliable: Davis, whose home was about half a mile from Busseyville, had been on his way to Huntington on the afternoon C. & O. train, about 5:30, and engaged Robert Shank, who had an automobile, to take him to Busseyville. When they were ready to start Davis said there was a girl named Hall at the home of Mrs. Romans, who wanted to go too. Shank told him "all right—that he was paying for the trip." They went to Romans' residence, where the girl got in, sitting on the back seat with Davis. On the front seat, with Shank was a friend of his, Emmett Callahan, of Huntington. Not long after they left town Davis, who was somewhat under the influence of liquor, began to discharge his pistol, not at any particular object, but to the ground as they passed along. Shank remonstrated with him, asking him to quit and put up the pistol.

It is reported that one or more shots struck Mr. Holt's residence.

Mr. Shank says he is sure that he fired at no one or at any house on the entire trip. When they arrived at Davis' home all the occupants of the car got out and went into the house. Soon after they went in Davis announced his intention to go back to Louisa, saying he was going to Huntington. His wife begged him not to go, but he insisted, and the entire party got into the car. Before they left the house Davis put his pistol into a holster which he carried under his left arm. Davis sat on the front seat to the right of Mr. Shank, the driver. The Hall girl, Mrs. Davis, her son and Callahan, occupied the balance of the car. The car then started for Louisa. When near the Bussey store they saw another car, which was said to be the one owned by Henry Bussey. It had all its lights burning and faced the Shank machine. Shank stopped his car, when two persons, one on each side of the machine, approached, and one of them demanded "Is William Davis in the car?" Some one said "yes." Instantly there were two shots fired, one by the holder of the shot gun, Webb Holt, the other by William Davis, fired so close together that Shank was unable to say which was fired first. When the car was halted Mrs. Davis, her son and the Hall girl jumped out. Callahan said they hardly waited for the car to stop." Davis fell forward upon receiving his death wound, almost covering Shank with his blood. The body was not taken from the car, but it was fastened with ropes and made so that it would not fall out, and Mr. Shank, Callahan and Dr. Joe Bussey brought it to Louisa about eleven o'clock, where it was disposed of as told in the foregoing. Early on Saturday morning Holt came to Louisa and surrendered himself to County Judge James Clayton. Friday, December 3 was set as the time for holding an examining trial. The defendant gave bond in the sum of \$5000 for his appearance, which he gave, with Mont Bussey, security.

Davis came to this section from West Virginia two or three years ago as a well driller. His first job was to drill the Tabor's creek well, and since that time he has followed similar work in this vicinity. Webb Holt is a brother of Mont Holt, of this city, and holds a position with the Busseyville Oil Co. Between him and Davis some hard feeling had existed for some time, and it is said that only a short time before the shooting Holt had told Davis that he would give him 24 hours to leave the country. Whatever might have been the cause of the trouble the tragedy is greatly deplored in this county.

Mr. Holt is known as a sober, honest young man. He is unmarried and lives with his sisters.

It is said Davis had made threats against Holt and had displayed a pistol with which he expected to shoot Holt.

A. M. Campbell visited home people during the latter half of the Thanksgiving season.

THE FRIDAY EVENING ENTERTAINMENT.

The following pleasing programme was very artistically rendered at the entertainment given at the M.E. Church South on last Friday evening:
Opening Chorus: Lord of the harvest, by the Young Peoples Missionary Society.

Vocal solo by Miss Kate Freese; Longing, and His Lullaby. Accompanist, Miss Elizabeth Conley.

Piano solo by Miss Helen Carter: Awakening of the Soul.

Vocal solo: Who Knows? Miss Gladys Atkins. Accompanist piano, Miss Freese, and violin, Virgil McElldowny and Miss Kizzie Clay Burns, violin.

Vocal Solo: I hear you calling me, and Birth of Morn. Miss Vivian Hays. Accompanist, Miss Freese.

Violin Solo: Salute D'Amour, Miss Kizzie Clay Burns. Accompanist, Miss Shirley Burns.

Vocal Solo: To-day, Miss Julia Snyder. Accompanist, Miss Elizabeth Conley.

Vocal Solo: Carry me back to Old Virginia, Miss Freese. Piano accompanist, Miss Elizabeth Conley, violin, Virgil McElldowny and Miss Kizzie Clay Burns.

Vocal Solo: Somewhere a voice is calling me, Miss Vivian Hays. Accompanist, Miss Margaret Lou Chaffin.

Duet for violin and piano, Miss Elizabeth Conley and Miss Kizzie Burns.

Perfect Day, vocal duet, Misses Freese and Atkins. Piano accompanist Miss Burns, and violins, Miss Kizzie Burns and Virgil McElldowny.

There was a fine fitness in using "Perfect Day" as a concluding number. The day had been, up to a late hour, almost a perfect one, and the various numbers of the excellent programme had been given in almost perfect style.

The voices of the singers sang sweet and true, in solos, in duet and in chorus. The single piano solo was beautifully played, and the violin play, in solo and in accompanist, was not mere fiddling. It was a good playing of that kind of instruments, the violin. And where did those accompanists get their skill in their different art? It is a great gift, or art, to be able to accompany a singer or another player as not to blur the music of the other.

Those girls who accompanied the others last Friday evening deserve equal praise with the others, and they received it.

To arrange for, rehearse and bring to successful culmination an amateur affair like this is no easy matter. This was done by Miss Kate Freese, and to her much credit belongs.

RAILROAD TELEGRAPHERS SHOT AT PRESTONSBURG.

**BEN ROBINETT INSTANTLY KILLED
AND YONDA AUXIER
WOUNDED.**

Ben Robinett, a C. & O. telegraph operator, was shot and instantly killed last Monday night at Prestonsburg. Yonda Auxier, another operator, was shot three times during the same altercation, but it is believed he will recover. A. J. Huff, a merchant of West Prestonsburg, is charged with the crime. Our Prestonsburg correspondent gives one report of the affair, which is probably as nearly correct as can be secured now.

Robinett was about 25 years old. He has been in the employ of the C. & O. for several years. Last year he was one of the operators at Louisa. He was quiet and attentive to his duties. He leaves a father, mother and three brothers, who live at Harold, Pike-co.

FATHER POISONS THREE AND SELF.

Baker, Ore., Nov. 24.—George L. Huff, a rancher living near Prairie City, called his three daughters, 4, 6, and 8 years old, away from their mother tonight, sat them in a row on a bed and gave each a capsule containing a quick-acting poison. Then he took a capsule himself. When Mrs. Huffman entered the room all were dying and soon after expired.

MEDLEY ESTATE DIVIDED.

Mrs. Emily Medley will leave shortly to spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Mary Marguerd Connolly, of Atlanta, Ga. Mrs. Medley, who has reached an advanced age and having decided to make her home no longer in Catlettsburg has made a division of her property, between her daughters, Mrs. Connolly, of Huntington, and Mrs. Connolly, of Huntington, and her summer in Huntington. Mrs. Medley is one of the pioneer citizens of Catlettsburg and is beloved by a large circle of friends both old and young, who regret exceedingly to see the old Medley home broken up and to lose her from their midst.—Catlettsburg Call.

JUDGE RICE RESIGNS.

Judge H. B. Rice, who has been cashier of the Paintsville Bank & Trust company since its organization has quit the bank to engage in the insurance business. He left the bank the first of December and will devote his time in the future to the business of H. B. Rice & Co., insurance of all kinds.—Paintsville Herald.

You may have valuable trading stamps for the asking on every cash purchase made at the Snyder Hardware store.

B. & O. ENGINEERS AT WORK UP SANDY.

**ANOTHER RAILROAD LINE PRO-
JECTED INTO THE BEAVER
CREEK COAL FIELD.**

The Baltimore & Ohio railroad started a large corps of engineers on the Big Sandy river near Beaver creek, Ky., Wednesday.

There has been considerable speculation for the last two years as to what developments the Baltimore & Ohio railroad would ultimately decide upon in the Big Sandy field. They already have a line from Shelby to Jenkins and will no doubt either build up the left fork of Beaver creek or the Long Fork of Shelby in order to secure an entrance into the Left Beaver coal field, which can be accomplished either route. The Baltimore & Ohio has already purchased all of the right of way on left Beaver, and railroad construction will begin on the Left Fork of Beaver or the Long Fork of Shelby in the very near future.

Virginian Active.

The Virginian is also actively engaged in running surveys to the Big Sandy coal field.

With the improvements in the financial situation, which applies to the railroads as well as industrial conditions, it is probable that the railroads will be able to finance their affairs to an extent that will permit the expenditure along the proposed lines of development in the Big Sandy district.

It is reported that the Rockefeller interests have acquired large holdings in the Consolidation Coal Company, and the fact that the Elk Horn Fuel Company have succeeded in permanently financing that company through the untiring efforts of Senator C. W. Watson, consolidating the holdings of the Elk Horn Fuel Company and the coal operations of the Elk Horn Mining into the Elk Horn Coal Corporation which will enable the latter company to develop a large acreage of high grade coal in Eastern Kentucky.

A HANDSOME PRESENT
FOR REV. GIBBONS.

Rev. J. H. Gibbons pastor of Calvary Church who is to leave our city December last for his new field of labor at Covington was agreeably surprised on Thanksgiving day by some of his Shriner friends of this city. Mr. Gibbons is a member of El Hasa Temple and is loved by every Noble in it. These brethren of the Fez thought they would like to give Mr. Gibbons a little present that would in a measure show their appreciation of him as a man and a Noble, and that he might carry it away with him to his new field of labor. They chose a \$30.00 full leather traveling bag, one of the very best that could be purchased. With it went the name of each Noble who contributed his little mite to this present and these names Mr. Gibbons will cherish as long as he lives.

There is no man in Ashland more dearly beloved than Mr. Gibbons and his going away is the source of sincere regret not only in the different Masonic bodies but throughout the city as well. However the good wishes of all his friends will go with him.

KENTUCKIAN HERE.

F. T. Hatcher, a prominent attorney and political leader of Pikeville, Ky., was a Thanksgiving Day visitor in Huntington.

Friends of Mr. Hatcher give to his sagacity as a political leader a large part of the success in electing A. O. Stanley as Democratic governor in Kentucky. Pike-co., nominally Republican by 1,500 was reduced to a Republican majority of only 400.

Mr. Hatcher was the guest yesterday of Donald Clark, whose coal companies he represents as attorney.

PIKE COUNTY MAN PARDONED.

Frankfort, Ky., Nov. 24.—Gov. McCreary today pardoned Floyd Cantrell of Pike-co., paroled six years ago while serving a life sentence on conviction of killing of James Mullins, and Levi Crouch of Ree-co., sentenced last February to serve 21 years, on a charge of killing Ezekiel Chambers.

SPECIAL JUDGES SELECTED.

Special Judges were assigned by Gov. McCreary for the Estill, Martin and Monroe Circuit Courts. Judge W. C. Halbert, of Vanceburg, will preside over the Estill Circuit Court, beginning the first Monday in December, to try cases in which Judge Hugh Riddell is disqualified. Judge W. A. Young, of Morehead, will convene the Martin Circuit Court to try civil and criminal cases, in which Judge A. J. Kirk is disqualified, December 10.

GEO. GREEN PASSES AWAY.

George Green, father of Rolla Green and Mrs. Ida Hager, of this city, died at his home at Salt Lick last Wednesday. He was sick only a few days.—Paintsville Post.

CINCINNATI STOCK MARKET.

Dec. 1:—Cattle, butcher steers \$5.25 to 7.50. Choice to extra, \$7.35 to 7.75. Heifers \$4.50 to 6, choice \$6.25 to 6.75. Cows \$3.25 to 5.50. Canners \$3 to 3.85. Stockers and feeders, steers \$5.25 to 6.75. Heifers \$4.50 to 5.75.

HOGS:—Mixed packers \$6.45 to 6.70. Light shippers \$5.90 to 6.15.

SHEEP:—Active; good to choice \$5 to 5.65. Common to fair \$3 to 4.90. Lambs, good to choice \$8 to 9.15. Common to fair \$5.75 to 7.75.

CAPITOL TO STAGE STATE RECEPTION.

Frankfort, Ky., Nov. 26.—A reception—not the traditional ball, with dancing the only attraction—will conclude the inaugural festivities December 7. It will be held for the first time in the capitol. The commission gave its consent this afternoon to the local committee for the use of the building.

Heretofore the crowd could not be accommodated. But in the great corridors and special board rooms on the three floors there will be room and to spare for all attending, and the scene will be the most splendid ever witnessed in Frankfort. Decorations would look tawdry under the dome of the rotunda and on the marble and granite columns and the vast walls; but with the lighting facilities of the building, the setting will give proportions to the affair impossible of achievement anywhere else.

The only detail decided upon is that the receiving line with Gov.-elect Stanley and Mrs. Stanley and Lieut. Gov.-elect Black and Mrs. J. D. Black will stand in the State reception room adjoining the executive offices. The guests can pass through the room without confusion and, avoiding the usual congestion about the receiving line. Orchestras will play in the large board rooms.

Not only will the capitol afford the most appropriate environment for the reception and accommodate the crowd, but its three entrances and two approaches for vehicles avert the customary congestion at the doors.

ARTHUR SALTER ACQUITTED

A jury returned a verdict of not guilty in the case of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, against Arthur Salter, of Oil Springs, who was charged with shooting John Perkins, of Masoffin-co., with intent to kill. Mr. Salter and Mr. Perkins had a difficulty at Oil Springs, in this county, several months ago, which resulted in the shooting of Mr. Perkins in the arm with a shot gun. After the examination of an array of witnesses both for the Commonwealth and the defense, the jury returned a verdict of not guilty.—Paintsville Post.

MRS. MAYO WAS TAKEN ILL.

Portsmouth, Nov. 25.—Mrs. John C. Mayo, widow of the late Eastern Kentucky multi-millionaire, was a guest for dinner at the Washington hotel Saturday noon. Mrs. Mayo was enroute from Lexington, Ky., to her home in Paintsville, Ky., in her touring car, but became indisposed while at the hotel and cut short her stay.

GRAYSON SWEEP BY A DISASTROUS FIRE.

Eleven buildings in the BUSINESS DISTRICT WIPED OUT.

A fire which started in a dry cleaning establishment on the old Malone corner on Hood-st. in Grayson, Sunday morning shortly after midnight, destroyed an entire block in the business part of the town and threatened to ruin the entire place.

The loss is estimated at over seventy-five thousand dollars, with but little insurance.

Among the buildings destroyed were those occupied by the Commercial Bank, the Citizens Bank, the Masonic Hall, the telephone exchange, a Normal School, Zach P. Hall's dry goods store, Phillips' meat shop, Phillips' haberdashery, Robert Davis' hardware store, Jacobs Bros' dry goods store, Horton's dry goods store.

FORT GAY, W. VA.

Miss Lucy Peters delightfully entertained a few friends at her beautiful home in Fort Gay Thursday evening, when games and music were indulged in. Refreshments were served at close of a very pleasant evening. Those present were Misses Gussie Reynolds, Nell Kinister, Grace Selby, Bess Waller, Esther Waller, Ethel Chapman, Arnold Vanhoushe and Alma Dean, Messrs. Graham Towner, Brown Towner, Frank Kinister, Earl Kinister, Gordon Peters, Paul Chapman, Joliff Maynard and Jim Reynolds. The out of town guests were Misses Be Craft, of Charleston, W. Va.; Rachel Wilson and Daisy Peters, of Huntington, W. Va.; Messrs. Virgil Bradford, Harry Scott, J. L. Duffy and Mr. Porter, of Kenova.

YOUNG MAYO HOST.

Lexington, Ky., Nov. 27.—Mrs. Jno. C. Calhoun Mayo, widow of the late eastern Kentucky timber man and Democratic politician, gave a party Thanksgiving Day at a local hotel for some of the child friends of her son. The young people were given a theater party the evening before, and went to a football game at State University after dinner. Young John Mayo is a student of the Millersburg Military Academy.

Mrs. Mayo has taken active charge of her husband's affairs, and has been elected to his place as a director in many companies.

AT BLAINE RECENTLY, A BOY NAMED LOAR WAS FOOLING WITH AN UNLOADED GUN WHICH WAS LOADED AND SHOT MRS. VIRGIE GRIFFITH IN THE ARM.

Hunters will find shot gun shells at Snyder's store.

FATAL ACCIDENTS DUE TO FLAMES.

**UNUSUAL NUMBER OF DEATHS
WITHIN THE WEEK FROM
THIS CAUSE.**

Thomas Twyman Fite, aged six years son of Rev. W. A. Fite, pastor of the First Christian church died this morning at 2:45 o'clock from injuries received Sunday evening about 5 o'clock when an outing flannel night robe which he had on, caught fire from an open grate, from in front of which the child had removed a fire screen.

The boy had been confined to his room on the second floor of the Fite home on Winchester-av. near 22nd for several days on account of a cut on one of his hips, which he suffered when he fell on a piece of glass while playing. Mrs. Fite was down stairs arranging the table for the evening meal and Mr. Fite who had preached at Catlettsburg earlier in the afternoon, was lying down resting at the time of the accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Fite were attracted to the room in which Thomas and his sister Ruth, aged three and a half years, had been left, by the screams of the children.

As soon as Mr. Fite reached the child above whose head leaped angry flames, he tried to extinguish them by means of a rug and when he saw this method was too slow, he threw the little fellow on the bed and smothered out the fire by means of the bed clothing.

Physicians were hastily summoned, but the boy was past all human aid, and died at an early hour Monday morning.

The body was taken to Independence, Mo., the former home of Mr. Fite, for burial.—Independent.

WOMAN BURNS TO DEATH.

Ashland, Ky., Nov. 26.—Mrs. Eliza Gullett, who came here about six months ago from Salyersville to make her home with her daughter, Mrs. Dan Shultz, at Pollard, just outside of this city, was burned to death today. She was sitting in the yard smoking when sparks from her pipe set fire to the leaves, then her clothes catching fire. Her body was burned almost to a crisp before her daughter could reach her. She was 80 years old.

CHILDREN BURNED AT HOLDEN.

One child, a two-year-old girl, is dead and another, her four-year-old brother, dying, as the result of an Indian game played by the three children of Henry Prichard, of Holden, Wednesday.

The six-year-old son of Mr. Prichard started a fire in a piano box where his brother and sister were playing. Before the children were rescued the girl was dead and the boy so badly burned that his death is expected at any time.

TWO CHILDREN BURNED.

James Lowe's home was destroyed by fire on Rum creek, Logan-co., West Va., Wednesday. Two of his children, ages four years and six months, respectively, were fatally burned.

CHURCH BAZAAR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY OF THIS WEEK.

The ladies of the M. E. Church, South will hold their Christmas Bazaar in the building on Main-st. two doors above the store of A. J. Loar & Co. Go there for refreshments and holiday presents, and you will be separated from your coin so nicely that the process will be a pleasure to you. They will have a beautiful display of fancy and useful articles suitable for Christmas gifts. Oysters, cake and cream will be served.

SUNDAY SERVICES AT M. E. CHURCH SOUTH.

On next Sunday morning Rev. E. M. Kennerly will preach at the M. E. Church South, the pastor being absent, holding a revival meeting at Russell, Ky.

At night Preaching Elder A. A. Hollister will fill the pulpit. This is his first visit to Louisa in his official capacity.

HAYS-WALTERS.

On Wednesday, Nov. 17, at the home of Mint Hays, Wilbur, his daughter, Miss Dollie Hays, was married to Mr. Guffe Walters by the Rev. James Elliott. The groom is a brother of Dr. C. B. Walters, of this city.

M. E. CHURCH.

Sunday school 9:00 a. m. Subject:—"A Forfeited Gift." Judges 16:26.
Preaching 6:30 p. m. Subject:—"Loves difficulties and Surprises." Mark 16:3-4.
Ladies Aid will meet at Mrs. George Picklesimer's Dec. 8, 1:30 p. m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday 6:30 p. m.
Choir practice Friday 6:30 p. m. Everybody cordially invited.
N. H. YOUNG, Pastor.

Rev. McElldowney went to Yatesville Friday night and preached at the revival meeting being held there. He was accompanied by A. L. Burton, A. O. Carter and George Lewis. They went in the latter's automobile.

At Blaine recently, a boy named Loar was fooling with an unloaded gun which was loaded and shot Mrs. Virgie Griffith in the arm.

JUDGE HALBERT WANTS BETTER JURORS.

Because of the many applications made to Judge Halbert by persons who have been selected by the jury commissioners for jury service in the Boyd Circuit Court to be excused from serving on the juries, he has found it necessary to enter an order that no one who has been chosen by the jury commissioners will be excused unless except under the law or disqualified by illness.

The order entered by Judge Halbert is as follows:
Boyd Circuit Court, November term, 1915.

In re Jury Duty: It is considered ordained and judged by the court that hereafter anyone selected by the Jury Commissioners for jury service in the Boyd Circuit Court, and who is actually drawn and summoned to act as such juror for any term of the court will be required to serve as such juror for at least two (2) weeks of the term, if not exempt from jury duty by the provisions of the Kentucky law, or disqualified from acting by illness of himself or some member of his immediate family.

And hereafter, no certificate of any physician will be accepted as an excuse or any exemption from jury duty unless same is properly sworn to by the attending physician and the physician states in his certificate, under oath, that in his judgment the patient mentioned in his certificate is not physically qualified to serve as a juror, or that such service would probably injure his health or retard his recovery.

Any person hereafter summoned for jury service by the sheriff must appear in court in person, if physically able to come to court, and answer the summons, and failure to appear will be held a contempt of the court, and punished accordingly.

NEW BANK OFFICIALS AT PAINTSVILLE.

Paintsville, Nov. 27.—At a meeting of the Board of Directors of Paintsville Bank & Trust Company, James A. Williams was elected Cashier and Hervey Stambaugh, assistant cashier. Mr. Williams has already entered the bank and will take charge the first of the month. Mr. Stambaugh will enter upon his new duties the first of the month.

Mr. Williams has had considerable experience in the banking business, having been in the Paintsville National Bank for a number of years and cashier of the Bank of Wayland. Mr. Stambaugh was formerly with the Clay & Stambaugh store of this city and is now employed in the store of Oppenheimer & Flax.

Both these gentlemen are business men of ability and we predict success with the bank under their charge.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION TION AT PAINTSVILLE.

The Sunday School Convention that was held here last Sunday at the Mayo Memorial church, the M. E. Church and the First Baptist church was well attended at all three of the sessions. The morning session was held at the Mayo Memorial church, the afternoon session at the First Baptist church and the evening session at the M. E. Church. J. Vaughan, of Lawrence-co., was here and made a number of interesting talks at the different meetings. Interest in Sunday school work in this section is increasing we are glad to say and the Johnson County Sunday School Association will do much to keep the interest up. G. B. Carter, Supt. of the Mayo Memorial Sunday school was elected President of the Johnson County Sunday School Association, H. B. Rice was elected Vice-President and Miss Pansy Brown was elected Secretary and Treasurer.—Herald.

AT A RIPE OLD AGE PASSES OVER THE RIVER.

Tuesday evening, November 25th, witnessed the passing of Mr. J. G. P-Simer, one of Morehead's old and honored citizens. Pneumonia was the cause of his death and he was ill only a few days. Deceased was in the 84th year of his age, and up to the time of being stricken he enjoyed excellent health for one of his advanced years. Mr. P-Simer was a native of Paintsville, Ky., and taught school in Lewis and Johnson counties until 1882 after which he devoted himself to farming in Lewis county for a number of years. In 1905 he purchased a farm near Hilda this county, but soon after moved to Morehead and retired from active life, and settled down to enjoy the pleasures of a ripe old age full of honors and well spent years.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

The Farmers' Institute which was held here last Monday and Tuesday attracted about the usual amount of attention from those for whose benefit it was intended. The lecturers were Mrs. R. Ogg, Mr. C. L. Clayton, Mr. Pickett and Mr. N. B. Anderson, all of Indiana. They were entirely competent for the business in which they are engaged, but, except in the case of the lecturer on home work, Mrs. Ogg they found but little to do. Two of them went to Blaine Tuesday with County Agent Kegley and held an impromptu meeting which was largely attended.

Mrs. Ogg attracted large and enthusiastic audiences on two occasions and all who heard her were unanimous in declaring that she is the best speaker they ever heard on the subject assigned her. She is a very intelligent woman, of pleasing manner, clear and forcible in what she says.

On Friday night Mr. Kegley held a large meeting of farmers at Brammer Gap. He says the people of that section are much interested in improvements.